

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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PRE-PAID EXCEL SIM CARDS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the pre-paid Excel SIM cards have been introduced by BSNL in Bangalore;
- (b) if so, the number of pre-paid Excel SIM cards distributed in Bangalore;
- (c) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that the distribution of pre-paid Excel SIM cards has been temporality suspended;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (e) the time by which it is likely to be resumed;
- (f) whether re-charge coupons of Rs.300/-have also been released in Bangalore;
- (g) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (h) the steps proposed to be taken to ensure that pre-paid Excel SIM cards are made available in plenty?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(SHRI . PRADHAN)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) About 60,000 Pre-paid Excel SIM cards have so far been distributed in Bangalore.
- (c)to(e): Due to constraints in available capacity, SIM cards distribution has been temporarily suspended at present. The same is expected to be available in next 3 (three) months time.
- (f) Yes, Sir.
- (g) Does not arise in view of (f) above.
- (h) BSNL is already in the process of expanding the capacity and SIMs would also be available on capacity expansion.